

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A method including the steps of:
- (a) with a data processing system, matching a first set of game designations with a set of bingo card representations to produce a matched card set and storing the matched card set in data storage for the data processing system, the matched card set including data representing a number of game play records with each game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of game designations and the respective bingo card representation;
  - (b) receiving a number of game play requests at the data processing system, each respective game play request being received from a respective remote device and being associated with a respective player and including identifying information to identify the respective player being associated with a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations; [[and]]
  - (c) for each game play request, assigning the respective player the game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation identified by the identifying information included with that game play request with which the respective player is associated, the assigning being performed by the data processing system; and
  - (d) wherein the identifying information produces an association between the respective bingo card representation and the respective player prior to the assignment of the respective game play record to the respective player.

- 1        2.        (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
- 2                (a)        assigning game play records from the matched card set until a game winning
- 3                                player holds a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card
- 4                                representation having a game ending pattern; and
- 5                (b)        the data processing system withdrawing the matched card set from play in
- 6                                response to the assignment of the game play record corresponding to the matched
- 7                                bingo card representation having the game ending pattern.
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- 9        3.        (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including the step of, with the data
- 10                                processing system, matching an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card
- 11                                representations to produce an additional matched card set and storing the additional
- 12                                matched card set in the data storage for the data processing system, the additional
- 13                                matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each
- 14                                additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card
- 15                                representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between
- 16                                the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation.
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- 18        4.        (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 further including the steps of:
- 19                (a)        receiving at the data processing system an additional game play request associated
- 20                                with a given player who has already been assigned a respective game play record
- 21                                from the matched card set, the additional game play request also including
- 22                                identifying information to identify~~being associated with~~ a respective bingo card

representation from the set of bingo card representations, the identifying information associating the respective bingo card representation with the given player; and

(b) assigning the given player the additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further including the step of assigning an additional game play record from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending game play record, the assigning of the additional game play record being performed by the data processing system.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3 further including the step of assigning game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigning additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

(a) with the data processing system, matching a number of additional game designation sets with the set of bingo card representations to produce a number of additional matched card sets, each additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record in a given one of the additional matched cards sets corresponding to a different

- one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the respective additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation; and
- (b) storing each additional matched card set in the data storage for the data processing system so that respective additional game records are available for assignment by the data processing system in response to a respective game play request.
8. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a computer readable medium, the program product including:
- (a) matching program code for matching a first set of game designations with a set of bingo card representations to produce a matched card set, the matched card set including a number of game play records with each game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of game designations and the respective bingo card representation; and
- (b) game play assignment program code for assigning game play records from the matched card set, a respective game play record being assigned in response to a respective game play request, each respective game play request being associated with a respective player and including identifying information to identify each respective player being associated with a respective bingo card representation in the matched card set, and the respective game play record assigned for a respective game play request being the game play record corresponding to the

bingo card representation with which the respective game play request is associated identified by the identifying information, wherein the identifying information for the respective bingo card representation produces an association between the respective bingo card representation and the respective player prior to the assignment of the respective game play record to the respective player.

9. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 8 further including:

- (a) game ending play monitoring program code for detecting when a player has been assigned a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation having a game ending pattern; and
- (b) matched card set switching program code for switching to a different matched card set when the game ending play monitoring program code detects that a player has been assigned the game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having the game ending pattern.

10. (Original) The program product of Claim 8 wherein the matching program code matches an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation.

- 1 11. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 10 wherein the game play  
2 assignment program code responds to a game play request from a given player who has  
3 been assigned a game play record from the matched card set by assigning the given player  
4 an additional game play record from the additional matched card set, the assigned  
5 additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation  
6 with which the given player is associated, and having been assigned to the given player  
7 based on identifying information included in the game play request from the given player  
8 which identified a respective bingo card representation from the additional matched card  
9 set.  
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- 11 12. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 11 wherein the game play  
12 assignment program code assigns a respective additional game play record from the  
13 additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game  
14 play request for which is assigned a game ending game play record from the matched card  
15 set.  
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- 17 13. (Original) The program product of claim 10 wherein the game play assignment program  
18 code assigns game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and  
19 then assigns additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that  
20 set period of time.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

- 2 (a) a number of player stations, each player station for enabling a player to initiate a  
3 game play request and for displaying results of a game play upon receipt of a  
4 game play record, each game play request initiated by a player station being  
5 associated with the initiating player and including identifying information which  
6 identifies the initiating player being associated with a respective bingo card  
7 representation in a set of bingo card representations;
- 8 (b) a central processing system for storing a set of game play records, each game play  
9 record corresponding to a respective bingo card representation which has been  
10 matched to a first set of game designations, the central processing system also for  
11 assigning a respective game play record from the set of game play records to a  
12 player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at one  
13 of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player being  
14 the game play record corresponding to the bingo card representation that [[is]]  
15 was previously associated with that player by the identifying information included  
16 in the game play request initiated by that player; and
- 17 (c) a communications system operatively connected to the central processing system  
18 and to each of the player stations for facilitating communications between the  
19 central processing system and each player station.

1 15. (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein:

- 2 (a) the central processing system stores a number of additional sets of game play  
3 records, each game play record in a respective additional set of game play records  
4 corresponding to a respective one of the bingo card representations which has  
5 been matched to an additional set of game designations; and  
6 (b) the central processing system also assigns a respective game play record from one  
7 of the additional sets of game play records to a player in response to a game play  
8 request initiated by the respective player at a respective one of the player stations,  
9 the respective game play record assigned to the player from the additional set of  
10 game play records being the game play record in that additional set corresponding  
11 to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player.

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13 16. (Previously Presented) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein the matched card set  
14 includes a game ending game play record corresponding to a bingo card representation  
15 from the set of bingo card representations and wherein the central processing system  
16 withdraws the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game  
17 ending game play record.

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19 17. (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 further including a gaming floor component for  
20 directing a bingo card request to the central processing system in response to a bingo card  
21 request input entered for a respective player, and wherein the central processing system  
22 responds to the bingo card request by associating a respective bingo card representation



1 from the bingo card representation set with the respective player for whom the bingo card  
2 request input was entered.

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4 18. (Original) The gaming system of claim 17 wherein the gaming floor component  
5 comprises one of the player stations.

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7 19. (Original) The gaming system of claim 17 further including a point of sale terminal  
8 distinct from the player stations and wherein the gaming floor component comprises the  
9 point of sale terminal.

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11 20. (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein the central processing system is also  
12 for maintaining a database correlating each of a number of respective players to one or  
13 more bingo card representations with which the respective player is associated.